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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed November 21, 2001, kindly  
consider and enter the following amendments and remarks.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

At page 2, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 7, with the  
following paragraph:

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-- Several different species of the genus *Clostridium* produce large  
molecular weight (250-300 kDa) cytotoxins which cause effects on the actin  
cytoskeleton, including disruption of actin stress fibers and rounding up of cell  
bodies. This sub-group of clostridial cytotoxins includes toxins A and B from  
*Clostridium difficile*, lethal toxin (LT) (SEQ ID NO.: 6) and hemorrhagic toxin